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SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF BA MFM

1. IN A MEETING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON (JAN 27) ON ANOTHER MATTER, FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA AND I DISCUSSED THE ARGENTINE POSTPONEMENT OF THE BA MFM. SILVEIRA SAID THAT VIGNES HAD CALLED HIM AT 5:40 PM, SATURDAY, JAN 25 TO TELL HIM--BEFORE ANYONE ELSE, ACCORDING TO VIGNES--THAT HE DID NOT SEE HOW HE COULD CONVENE THE MEETING WHEN "MANY" LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WOULD NOT BE PRESENT.

2. SILVEIRA STATED THAT HE HAD TOLD VIGNES THAT (A) HE WANTED TO EMPHASIZE THAT BRAZIL, AS HE HAD MADE REPEATEDLY CLEAR, WAS PREPARED TO ATTEND; (B) BRAZIL THOUGHT THAT THE MFM, AS THE MEANS OF CONTINUING THE DIALOGUE, WAS A NOT ONLY APPROPRIATE BUT A PARTICULARLY GOOD FORUM FOR DISCUSSING THE TRADE ACT WITH THE SECRETARY, SINCE "WE ARE IN A NEGOTIATION, NOT A WAR;" AND (C) NONETHLESS, HE UNDERSTOOD THAT ARGENTINA AS HOST HAD A DIFFICULT DECISION TO MAKE, ONE WHICH HE WOULD NOT CRITICIZE.

3. SILVEIRA SAID THAT HE HAD SENT AN ACCOUNT OF THE CON-
VERSATION WITH VIGNES TO THE WASHINGTON WHITE HOUSE AND
OAS AMBASSADORS AND TO THE AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES.

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4. I SAW SILVEIRA AGAIN IN THE EVENING, AFTER HE HAD SEEN THE TEXT OF THE ARGENTINE ANNOUNCEMENT. HE CHARACTERIZED IT AS MUCH TOO STRONG, SAYING THAT VIGNES PRESUMABLY HAD WANTED TO POSTPONE THE DIALOGUE, NOT KILL IT.

5. SILVEIRA REPEATED MANY OF THE FOREGOING POINTS IN HIS MEEETING WITH AIR FORCE SECRTRY MCLUCAS AND ME TODAY, JAN 28.
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